

MATTHEW WILEY.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 167.]

MARCH 5, 1840.

Mr. CARR, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the memorial of Matthew Wiley, report :

That the petitioner volunteered, some time in the summer of 1776, for a term of six months, in Captain McDowell's company, which constituted a part of Colonel William Montgomery's regiment of Chester county (Penn.) militia. He served about three months, when he was seized with a fever, which rendered him unfit for duty for some nine weeks, when he recovered his health; and in July, 1777, he accepted a commission as first lieutenant, and entered the service of the United States as such, and served a tour of two months. The services performed under these two engagements are set forth in detail in his declaration, and proof made by one living witness, together with an exhibition of the commission. The War Department refused to allow for the time of his sickness, which reduced his term of actual service to less than six months; and his application was of course rejected.

The committee, however, are of opinion that the sickness which he suffered was the only cause of his delinquency, and in equity should be allowed as so much service.

The petitioner appears to be a man of undoubted integrity, and utterly incapable of attempting a fraud on the Government.

The committee recommend that the bill for a six months' pension, which they herewith report, shall pass.

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